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DIRECTORATE MATTERS

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<i>Executive Summary:</i>	this document provides information relating to IMSO Headquarters
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	to note the information provided
<i>Related documents:</i>	

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 As part of the restructuring process, the Assembly decided that IMSO's headquarters should be as close as possible to Inmarsat.

1.2 The Advisory Committee has discussed the possible need for IMSO Headquarters to be relocated when new GMDSS providers are recognized by IMO and/or to provide for possible expansion for LRIT activities. The Director has kept the Committee informed of his enquires relating to accommodation in the Inmarsat and IMO Headquarters buildings as well as possible alternative premises with similar status in central London.

1.3 Arrangements are in hand with Inmarsat to sign a three year sub-lease, with a one year notice period, for the current premises in the Inmarsat Headquarters building, which will allow the Directorate to expand its office as and when this is appropriate. The cost of any additional space would not be incurred by IMSO until such time as IMSO requests it but Inmarsat would set aside the space for future use provided that occupation took place before a date which would be agree agreed, for example mid-2009.

1.4 Some members of the Advisory Committee consider that, in the future, in a multiple provider environment, it may be appropriate for the Organization to relocate from the Inmarsat building, recognizing that such a relocation would have a budgetary impact. At the same time, other delegates considered that it was premature to move from the current premises.

1.5 The Committee requested the Director to continue to explore alternative accommodation, including discussions with IMO, potential office space identified in the building of the headquarters of the International Coffee Organization, the UK Government which had responsibilities to assist IMSO under the Headquarters Agreement, and other possibilities, in the light of the planned expansion relating to LRIT. Members of the Committee were invited to submit suggestions in this regard. The Director was requested to report to the Assembly on this matter.

1.6 There has been no indication from other potential GMDSS providers that they will be seeking to be recognized by IMO under Resolution A.1001, in the short term. The likely expansion in office space for LRIT activities is less than originally anticipated. Therefore, in the light of the mutually satisfactory lease arrangement entered into with Inmarsat, the Director believes that the time is not yet ripe to seek alternative accommodation.

2 **ACTION REQUIRED**

The Assembly notes the information provided in this document.
